

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application ) Application No. C-3655  
of Qwest Corporation, Denver, )  
Colorado, seeking an Omaha )  
Forbearance Order ("OFO") ) APPROVED  
amendment to an interconnection )  
agreement with Comtel Telecom )  
Assets, LP, d/b/a VarTec Telecom )  
("VarTec"), Carrollton, Texas, )  
previously approved in C-2649. ) Entered: August 15, 2006

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N     A N D     F I N D I N G S

On July 3, 2006, an application was filed by Qwest Corporation (Qwest), of Denver, Colorado, seeking approval of an amendment to the interconnection agreement with Comtel Telecom Assets, LP, d/b/a VarTec Telecom (VarTec), Carrollton, Texas, which was previously approved by the Commission in Application No. C-2649. Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on July 12, 2006. No protests were filed; therefore, this application is processed pursuant to the Commission's Rule of Modified Procedure.

Pursuant to Section 252(a) Qwest and VarTec entered into a wireline interconnection agreement arrived at through voluntary negotiations, which was approved by the Commission in Application No. C-2649 on March 5, 2002. In the current application, Qwest and VarTec seek to amend the original agreement by modifying terms in accordance with the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC's) *Memorandum Opinion and Order on the Petition of Qwest Corporation for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 160(c) in the Omaha Metropolitan Statistical Area*, FCC 05-170, WC Docket No. 04-223 (effective September 16, 2005) (OFO). An executed copy of the amendment is contained within the application.

The amendment does not discriminate against any telecommunications carrier that is not a party to the agreement. Furthermore, the implementation of the amendment is consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity.

Section 252(e) of the Act requires this Commission to review negotiated interconnection agreements to ensure they comply with Sections 251 and 252(d) of the Act, as well as all applicable state laws. Using those standards, the amendment filed July 3, 2006, should be approved.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the amendment to the interconnection agreement between Qwest Corporation and Comtel Telecom Assets, LP, d/b/a VarTec Telecom, be, and it is hereby, approved.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the executed amendment filed herein be, and it is hereby, made the official copy on file with the Nebraska Public Service Commission.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 15th day of August, 2006.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

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*Lowell C. Johnson*

//s// Lowell C. Johnson  
//s// Frank E. Landis

*Lowell C. Johnson*  
Chairman

ATTEST:

*Frank E. Landis*  
Executive Director